

THE SMOOTH CITIZEN

On His Second Trial for
Blackmail.

HIS INNOCENCE ASTOUNDING,
If His Own Story is to Be Taken
It-That Stock Transaction
-Justice Savage's
Testimony.

The story of the extortion of \$30 by H. H. Boyce from Justice Theodore Savage, by threats to publish a scurrilous story about him in the Tribune, was told over again by witnesses in Judge Shaw's court yesterday, with the same painful clearness, to the defendant with which it greeted his ears on the first trial. The desperate nature of his case was made glaringly apparent by the frantic efforts of his counsel to avail themselves of every possible and impossible technical point, the Court riddling each one as it came up. The testimony was about like that upon the first trial, the witness being the same, and the defendant gave another exhibition of his artistic power of making black look white. He was very polite and pleasant in his demeanor, and the ingenuous nature of his replies was as marked as in any moment of his toruous career.

When court convened in the morning O. A. STEVENS, former city editor of the Tribune, resumed the stand, and was questioned closely by Mr. Hardesty in regard to the conversation he had with the defendant when directed by him to look up the story about Justice Savage, which had been brought into the office.

"I want you to give the substance of all that was said and that the defendant said at that time," asked Mr. Hardesty.

The witness then went over the first conversation he had with Boyce, and his visit to Deputy Constable Johnson afterward, to ascertain the truth of the story about Judge Savage, and referring to his report to the defendant, said:

"I told him Johnson said there was positively nothing in the story, and strenuously urged me not to use it until Savage, who was out of town, had heard it. I told Boyce that I told Johnson I would use all my efforts to keep it out until he had seen Savage."

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clerk of Justice Savage's court, testified that he met Boyce at his office September 5th, when he delivered the check and letter to him. He identified the letter, and said he compared the originals and the copies. He delivered the originals to Boyce in his private office. Boyce opened the letter and took it out with the check, and was reading it when he left the office. He said there were two men there when the letter was delivered, but he did not know them.

MARK WATSON,

clerk in the Tribune office, testified as follows: "I was a clerk in the Tribune office last July and August. I was at Justice Savage's office about that time. I was sent by Mr. Boyce. He gave me the note to take. When I came back I told Gen. Boyce that Justice Savage had told me to come back. Gen. Boyce said that it was a simple matter. As I remember, he said that it was for money he had loaned Justice Savage in connection with the fixing up of his courtroom. I will not swear that that was what he said, but I think it was."

Cross-examination by Mr. Fitzgerald: Do you remember whether Mr. Boyce said if this should turn out to be true it would not be fit to be published in the Tribune?

A.: I said something to that effect to him, and I think he said certainly, or something to that effect.

Q.: Was it not your duty to investigate matters of public interest, irrespective of whether they were to be published or not?

A.: I investigated a good many things.

Q.: While you were city editor did you not bring in several sensational stories and they were not published?

A.: The policy of the paper was not sensational.

Q.: On another occasion did not this warn personal friend Johnson come to you as city editor and ask you to publish an article about Justice Savage, determined to him, for the purpose of saving him, out of his course, and didn't you publish the article, and didn't it have the effect?

Mr. Hardesty objected to the question, and the objection was sustained.

Q.: Did not Boyce say to you instead of "the story don't go," that Savage's explanation was of such a character that he was satisfied?

A.: It might have been something to that effect.

Q.: Did Boyce ever say to you that he wanted Savage to come to the office, or representative?

A.: No. I told Johnson that the matter was out of my hands, and he would have to see Boyce for the story not to go.

Q.: After you reported to Mr. Boyce your connection with the case was at an end?

A.: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hardesty: If that is so why did you go to Mr. Boyce afterward and ask what was to be done with the story?

A.: I suppose I wanted to know.

HARRY JOHNSON,

deputy constable, sworn: I had a conversation with Mr. Stevens about August 1st or 2d in Judge Savage's courtroom. Judge Savage was in Santa Monica at the time.

Q.: What did you do as a result of the conversation?

A.: I went to Santa Monica and saw Justice Savage. I informed him I had had a conversation with Stevens. As a result of it we got a horse and buggy and drove to Los Angeles. I went down that day at 8 in the evening, arriving there at 7 o'clock. We started back in a buggy about 9 o'clock. We arrived about 10 o'clock. I let Judge Savage out at First and Spring streets and drove the horse to the barn.

JUSTICE SAVAGE

then took the stand and gave the details of the extortion as follows:

"I am a Justice of the Peace in this township, and was in July and August last. I know the defendant. I never had any business transactions with him except in this case. I never had any conversation with him before August 2d, except to tell the minutes of the day—a speaking acquaintance. August 2d, in the evening, I was sitting on a porch at my cottage in Santa Monica, and Constable Johnson came to the house. We had a conversation, as a result of which we went to Los Angeles. I went to the Tribune office and had a conversation with Mr. Stevens. By his direction I went to Mr. Boyce's room. I went into his office; he was there. I think there were some other parties there, and they stepped out. I told him that Mr. Johnson had come to me, and he had heard from Mr. Stevens that a story had come to the Tribune office that I had a venereal disease, and they intended to publish it. I told him I had had a conversation with Mr. Stevens, who said the matter was out of his hands. I told him that the story was not true; that I never had had such a disease in my life; that I had no trouble with my wife. That such a story would be unjust, and should not be published without a hearing. He said 'I will not come to that.' He leaned his head on his hand for a while, and then asked me if I had enemies. I replied that I no doubt had. He said I had, because a lawyer had brought him the

story. He said he was suspicious at first, and told them to go away and get a written statement. They did so, and he said he had it in his possession and proposed to keep it. He said he was quite busy and for me to come back. I inquired, 'In the mean time—' and he replied that it would be withheld. The next day I went back to his office and he said the people were very determined, and offered \$250 to have it published, and unless something were done they would publish it. He said, 'Now I don't want to publish it in the Tribune, but they can get it in some other paper.' The Times. I received a visit from Mr. Savage about August 2d. The first I heard of his case was from one or two gentlemen who came to the office and asked me if I knew Justice Savage was not presiding over his court through dissipation, and very soon after this I directed the city editor to look it up. Some time after I had the conversation with Mr. Stevens Mr. Savage came to the office. The first words he used were, 'I suppose you are mad at me because I didn't keep my appointment,' told him we had no thought of printing any story about him; the paper couldn't use it and wouldn't. It was late. Something was said about his coming again. The whole force of that conversation was that we would not handle the story. I did read him a little lecture about some other matter between us. I think I said that night, as far as we were concerned, we would not use the story. Whether I suggested or not did others catch it. He came back the next day, in all the conversation there was not the slightest suggestion that I would publish it, but would help him to keep others from publishing it."

The witness was then shown the note sent him by the defendant by Mark Watson, which reads as follows:

"Dear Judge: I am away short a short time. Can't send me at least fifty dollars in coin?"

The defense offered no objection to it, and it was read and inspected by the jury, and the witness continued:

"I instructed the messenger to return at 4 o'clock. I had a conversation with him; sent a message to Mr. Boyce and received a verbal reply by the messenger, Mark Watson. That was the last demand I received. I sent him a check prior to the receipt of the note. Stevens' \$250 was a letter.

Copies of the check and letter were shown the witness and identified. The letter was the one in which he mentions the amount before paid, and refers to the check enclosed for \$25, which was never cashed. He continued:

"I sent them by my clerk, J. H. Mallette, to Mr. Boyce. I paid him the \$50 to procure the suppression of this article."

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The little town of Dracut, in Middlesex county, Mass., is going to try the most audacious kind of high license. The Selectmen have issued a single license at the pleasing figure of \$3000.

A NEW YORK paper says that California oranges cannot compete with foreign importations in that city owing to the high freight. This freight is a more important feature to California growers than the import duty. We should strive to have it reduced.

A WILL, written on parchment 500 years ago, has just been discovered in Egypt. If there was any money to be made by it, there are plenty of American lawyers who would undertake to upset that will and prove that the maker of it was non compos mentis.

The shoe industry, while not nearly of the importance which it once was in this section, still cuts quite a figure. According to the San Pedro paper, the ship of wool from the herds on the hills near that place will amount this season to 100,000 pounds of wool, representing

This proposition of the Los Angeles Democracy, for Hon. Stephen M. White to enter the State as a candidate for the United States Senatorship, has been received by the Democratic journals and leaders up north with a noisy enthusiasm equal to that which is noticed at a public gathering when the suggestion is made that a subscription be taken up to pay for the hall rent.

In his address at the opening of the Reichstag, Emperor William stated that Germany "recognizes it as her duty to protect the peace by cultivating an alliance for the purpose of defense, and by perfecting armaments, for which purpose a new military credit will be asked." Unfortunate Germany! It has to carry its immense military burden whether it is peace or war.

THE NEED OF RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION is confirmed by the statements of Supt. Jackson of Castle Garden, which show a marked deterioration in the resources of recent immigrants. These newcomers bring with them an average of less than fifteen dollars each. Thirty years ago the average was \$68.08. When the average is so low, as it is now, it is clear that large numbers, if not actual paupers, are on the edge of poverty.

THE SPECIAL FRENCH PANAMA CANAL Commission reports that it would cost \$45,000,000 francs to complete the canal on the lock system. To this would be added 20 per cent. for unforeseen expenses and 20 per cent. for expenses of management and interest. The total expense is fixed at 900,000,000 francs. The report further says it would take between seven and eight years to complete the canal. The annual cost of management is estimated at 10,000,000 francs. The job is so big a one that it is very doubtful whether it will ever be undertaken.

THE BOSTON JOURNAL, which has always had a friendly feeling for corporations and monopolies, says:

Under Congress care less for the interests of American trade in the Orient than it does for the applause of the sand lots, it will hesitate before proceeding much further in anti-Chinese legislation.

WHEN THE JOURNAL wake up and understand that the "sand lots" are a thing of the dim and misty past? They belong to ancient history, while the Chinese question remains with us, a living question of today, upon which the people of the Pacific Coast are practically unanimous.

AS STATED yesterday, Mayor Hazard has vetoed the ordinance providing for the semi-annual payment of taxes, and has made what he considers a better proposal. In his veto message the Mayor says:

Let the tax become due and payable as now, but when become delinquent on the 1st of November of each year, when a penalty of 1 per cent. is added; and likewise on the first of each and every month thereafter until the 1st day of May. On the 1st day of May, the tax will be paid, a penalty of 3 per cent. is added; and on the first of each and every month thereafter until the 1st day of November, when the property may be sold for delinquent taxes and penalties, as now provided by law, without charge to the owner of the tax, or to the credit being given for the amount paid, leaving only the amount unpaid to become delinquent, on which a default must be paid.

This idea of the Mayor's is not altogether a bad one.

POLITICAL AND JOURNALISTIC BRIGANDS.

Gov. Waterman, having relinquished his aspirations for another term and retired from the field as a candidate, it is to be presumed that the attempts of rapacious politicians and impudent newspapers to pluck him have ceased, or at least ought to cease.

Perhaps, in all the political history of California, there never was a candidate for high office upon whom such brazen and greedy demands for money and patronage have been made as upon Gov. Waterman. As soon as it became clearly known that he proposed to stand for another term, these demands for assistance came pouring upon him—as has been authoritatively ascertained—from every direction. He justly complained that he had been given to understand by certain active managers in his interest that he could not secure the delegations of certain counties except by methods which amounted to purchase; and, in so far as he refused these impudent and corrupt demands, he is entitled to public credit.

It is stated on good authority that he was called upon to pay no less than forty thousand dollars to secure the delegation of a single county; and it is further stated, upon equally good authority—an authority, in fact, near the executive person—that the aggregate calls for money assistance that reached Mr. Waterman from all parts of the State amounted to the enormous sum of nearly one million dollars. This fact illustrates the insatiable greed and the heartless rapacity of the hungry politician, and shows the callousness of a gubernatorial campaign when conducted on a coin basis, and the expensiveness of supporting private organs.

Take, for example, a single newspaper "deal" into which His Excellency was, in an evil hour, drawn by the alluring promises of pretended friends and self-constituted political managers. After repeated protestations that he would "never do it," he was persuaded by the siren and seductive voices of political adventurers, who hovered around his person like honeybees around a bunch of bloom, to purchase a newspaper toy. Yielding to the rosy representations that through its conduct he could be made Governor for another term, he went in and was squeezed—until he pulled out.

The deal, according to the inside facts gathered in the proper quarters, was this: Mr. Waterman was to come to the rescue and save a recognized private organ from an early and ignominious death by the payment into its treasury of some fifteen thousand dollars in all, in consideration of which it was to be transferred to his own service. These payments were to be in the shape of monthly notes of \$2000 each, continuing until the whole sum should have been paid in. The business of paying and disbursing the coin commenced, and for a brief period the game was suspended at a satisfactory altitude. But presently a change came o'er the scene. The Governor, finding that the coveted nomination did not promise to materialize; that the masses were not flocking to his standard; that the north did not rally nor the south enthuse; that, in short, his personal organ was rendering him no service and doing him no good, and that the illusive nomination was slowly vanishing into the dim and hazy distance of the unattainable future, felt himself constrained to throw up his brush and retire from the race. Thus he did with the suddenness of a flash and the neatness of a solid shot; whereupon the whole game of political retainers and private leeches were thrown into the utmost consternation. They had made their arrangements for a long season of fat picking—for an all summer's roll in campaign clover. They were sore disappointed, and wailed loudly over the sudden drying up of the Pacific stream. In the office of the Governor's private organ the consternation was appalling. One of the first things which his financially sagacious Excellency had done, after publicly withdrawing from the race, was to wire an order south to have payment stopped on that \$15,000 newspaper deal. Appeals were made to him by his hired men to stand up to the rack and not leave them to tumble into the *sopra calente*. Not only appeals, but protestations and threats were made. Mr. Waterman was reminded of his alleged obligations in terms more urgent than polite, and threats to sue were uttered in more than one quarter; in short, there was "hell on the Wabash," or, at least, among the orange groves.

But the Governor has legal, as well as personal, advisers, upon whom he can depend, and a will of his own. Those who know him understand the futility of threats, and the barrenness of bulldozing in his case. It is confidently asserted, by men who know whereof they speak, that Mr. Waterman can successfully resist in the courts the outrageous demands that have been made upon his purse. It is notorious that fraud was practiced on a shameless scale in the newspaper deal in question; and fraud vitiates any contract. It has transpired that gross misrepresentations were made to His Excellency and his last lot of hired men concerning the financial status of the private organ which they had undertaken to buy or subsidize; that equally gross misrepresentations were made regarding its "advertising patronage," which was declared to be greater than that of any newspaper in California outside of San Francisco; that misrepresentations were made regarding the subscription list of the organ; that its "political influence" was enlarged like a bladder distended with wind; that its power, ability and willingness to champion the cause of His Excellency were magnified many times; and, generally, that the strength, malignity, might and majesty of the organ for sale were distorted beyond all semblance to reality. The leeches and hangers-on to its bedraggled skirts, refusing or failing to put up any good money themselves, exposed their real aims in the outset. They showed no higher object or

better purpose than to secure for themselves places and salaries at the expense of the avid aspirant whom they were seeking to rope in. It is strange that he failed to see this; but see it he did not. With his eyes on the distant bauble of office, he was blind to that which was nearer to him. Even after he had turned loose the Pacholian stream, to irrigate the arid and fruitless fields of the "organ," that truculent wind instrument failed in its plain and pledged duty to him. It refused, on demand—so the story goes—to spike to its "masthead" the legend, "For Governor, R. W. Waterman," but contented itself with a mealy declaration or two to the effect that it would only defend the Governor when "attacked," and only in so far as the truth might justify, or weak and wobbly words to that effect. It signalized failure to "get a move on" it as an authorized defender and hired champion of Mr. Waterman's ambition. The position was like that of the African's crow, which Sambo was "settin' on" dat fence at a mighty lively gait."

The organ's championship of Mr. Waterman was a part of this contract, either expressed or implied, with it; and its failure to perform its plain duty to him shows ingratitude, if not treachery, to the man who came to the rescue at a critical moment, and saved it from that ignominious death which is our sole destiny, sooner or later.

The coming conflict over the enforcement of "that contract" will be looked forward to with interest. It is a very pretty fight as it stands; and with Gov. Waterman's well-known firmness and ability in taking care of his financial interests, and his pronounced aversion to being bulldozed, it may be set down as sure that he will not surrender without a footrace, and that it will be the gang and not the Governor who will do the running.

AMUSEMENTS.

* * * LOS ANGELES THEATER.—An entertainment was given at this theater last night, under the auspices of the ladies' annex of the Chamber of Commerce. It was naturally expected that the house would be crowded, but, as a matter of fact, there were not more than about a hundred people present. This slim result must have been a disappointment to the managers, who went to considerable trouble in decorating the stage handsomely with flower-pieces, and providing a bevy of pretty young ladies, whose occupation turned out to be a sinecure.

The musical part of the entertainment was provided by A. J. Stamm, J. H. Brenner, Mr. Arvalo and the Misses W. Conner, Marcial and Mansfield. Their selections were pleasingly rendered, and more were requested.

But they were only intended to give relief to the chief features of the evening, which were the recitations of Mrs. Rose Thorpe and her son, E. H. Conner. Thorpe, a former appearing on four times and the latter five times on the program.

It is understood that this lady and gentleman were brought here from San Diego to appear at this theater in a postal entertainment for the ladies' annex, and if this is so, they must have made the engagement under an entire misconception, as the names of the performers were published in the paper.

Thorpe furnished the luxuriant pieces, and the Misses W. Conner, Marcial and Mansfield the platform entertainers. A more dreary, monotonous and uninteresting succession of selections it would be hard to find.

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THE KAISER'S WORDS.

Emperor William's Speech in the Reichstag.

The Same Old Story About Peace Being Fully Assured.

But More Soldiers are Needed to Avert War in Europe.

The Emperor's Solitude for the Welfare of the Working Classes—Socialists Emboldened by the Speech.

By Telegraph to The Times.

BERLIN, May 6.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] The Reichstag was opened by the Emperor today. In his address His Majesty declared that efforts to maintain the peace of Europe are on the increase. He expressed the conviction that he will succeed in confirming the confidence of the powers in the pacific policy of Germany. Germany, the Emperor says, recognizes it as her duty to protect the peace by cultivating alliances for the purpose of defense and by perfecting armaments, for which purpose a new military credit will be asked.

The Emperor announced that measures will be presented for improving the condition of the workingmen. The strikes during the year have suggested an examination of the question whether existing laws adequately take into account the justifiable wishes of the workingmen. The questions claiming the foremost attention are those of Sunday rest and women's and children's labor. The federal government is convinced that the proposals of the last Reichstag might in essential points become law without detriment to other interests. Legal provisions for the protection of workingmen, weavers, tailors, threatening lives, health and morals are susceptible of amendment.

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STRANGLED HER CHILD.

AN INSANE MOTHER'S FRIGHTFUL DEEDS.

After Killing One of Her Daughters She Hacks Her Own Head to Pieces with an Ax.

By Telegraph to The Times.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—[By the Associated Press.] The Chronicle's special from Traver says: At 8 o'clock last night Mrs. T. A. Breslen, who lives with her husband five miles from this place, sent her two girls, aged 11 and 9 years, to bed, and shortly thereafter entered their room, and, seizing the oldest girl by the throat, proceeded to strangle her to death. The young child ran from the room, pursued by the mother, who was still clinging to the other child. The mother followed 200 yards and dropped the older child, who was then dead, and, after pursuing the other some distance, gave up the chase and returned home.

A little girl soon arrived at a neighbor's and a general alarm was given. Meanwhile the husband returned home, and finding no one in the house gave several calls, and was finally answered by his wife.

Going to the back of the house he found her in a pool of blood. He carried her into the house and found the front part of her head was literally chopped to pieces. She was perfectly conscious and said she inflicted the wound on herself, but gave no reason for doing so.

She told him where the dead child was and the neighbors who had then arrived soon found the body, which was closely guarded by a faithful dog.

Several physicians were summoned and pronounced the woman's case hopeless, the ax with which the deed was done having penetrated her brain in several places.

The coroner has left her to hold an investigation. The woman was evidently insane.

ON THE TRACK.

A Day's Racing at Elizabeth and Lexington.

ELIZABETH, May 6.—[By the Associated Press.] The track was a sea

Five furlongs—Civil Service won, Young Duke second, Sorrento third. Time, 1:05.

Six furlongs—Lee Christy won, San Jose second, Foreigner third. Time, 1:21.

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Six furlongs—Souvenir won, Ross second, Lakewood third. Time, 1:19.

Mile and a quarter—Eon won, Badger second, Gray Dawn third. Time, 2:14.

Five-eighths of a mile—Young Grace won, Terrier second, Kitten B. third. Time, 1:05.

Mile—Quesal won, Sparling second, King Volt third. Time, 1:49.

LEXINGTON, May 6.—Mile—Ballyhoo won, Palisade second, Catalyst third. Time, 1:47.

Mile and seventy yards—Castaway won, Spectator second, Silver King third. Time, 1:51.

Mile and a fourth—Famine won, Huntress second, Meadow Brook third. Time, 2:14.

Nine-sixteenths of a mile—Harry Smith won, Sir Planet second, Little Phil third. Time, 1:00.

Half-mile—Pennyroyal won, Emma Fields second, Peola third. Time, 0:52.

Turned on the Gas.

CHICAGO, May 6.—A farmer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Edwards of Lake county, were found in a room at the Leadrige Hotel this afternoon suffocated by gas. The man soon died and the woman cannot live. In the farmer's pocket was found a warrant committing his wife to the Northern Illinois Insane Asylum. It is supposed he was on his way to that institution, and it is thought the woman turned on the gas in a crazy fit.

Church Rioters Fined.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The trouble in the Humboldt Park Evangelical Church, growing out of the split at the late conference, came up in the police court today. Trustees William Sodman and Edward Hintz were fined \$100 each for forcibly ejecting Pastor Vetter from the pulpit.

A Large Estate Divided.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—The will of the late George S. Pfeiffer, president of the Academy of Fine Arts, was probated today. It consists of an estate of about \$100,000, of which \$1,067,000 is divided among public institutions.

No Business in the House.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—After reading the journal the House adjourned, to enable members to attend the funeral of Senator Beck.

THE CLAYTON INQUIRY.

"Jack the Ripper" Letter-Armstrong Apologizes. LITTLE ROCK, May 6.—[By the Associated Press.] The Clayton committee heard a number of witnesses today, the most important one being Oliver T. Bentley, the man who Gen. Clayton suspects of having killed his brother. Bentley is deputy Sheriff of Conway county, and claims to have been in Morrilton on the night Clayton was killed at Plumerville. Today he brought in papers to corroborate this claim.

Chairman Lacey exhibited to Bentley a letter received by the Town Marshal of Morrilton after the killing, signed "Jack the Ripper No. 1," and containing many dire threats. There was no similarity whatever between the handwriting of the letter and that of Bentley.

Carroll Armstrong today apologized to the committee for the strong language used by him last night.

Bucket-shops Closed Out. CHICAGO, May 6.—The bucket-shop system of S. S. Floyd & Co., with headquarters in this city, is being wound up. The stoppage of grain quotations and the recent rapid rise in wheat and stocks were too powerful a combination for the concern. The system embraced agencies throughout the entire South and West, covering every important center.

Floyd says he has not yet figured out the results. He thinks the losses to customers will be small, but his own

will be enormous. A Louisville dispatch announces the failure of the Louisville branch as a result of the Chicago suspension.

Going for the Book-makers.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Another Effort to Agree as to Silver.

Senator Jones's Bill Coming to the Front as a Compromise.

Funeral Services Over the Remains of Senator Beck.

Death of the Father of Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson—A Prohibition Bill—The Pension Question.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—[By the Associated Press.] An effort was made by the Senate Republican Silver Committee today to agree upon a silver bill to be reported to the caucus. Three of the 13 members were absent. Ten were present, together with Senator Stewart, who was invited to take part in the proceedings. After a discussion lasting nearly three hours it was decided to report to the caucus, to be held some day this week, the bill reported by Senator Jones from the Finance Committee some weeks ago with amendments.

One of the amendments strikes out the provision in the reported bill that notes issued for the purchase of bullion when redeemed shall be canceled, and instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to reissue them, with a proviso that the amount outstanding shall not at any time be in excess of the amount paid out for bullion deposited.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN.

A Notable Day in the Public Schools.

STIR AT THE WILSON BUILDING.

Cuttings-up in La Canyada—To the Peak and Back—Mr. Amsler Has Levanted—Persons and Brevities.

The large number of vehicles that crowded the streets surrounding the Wilson school building all day yesterday told of something of unusual interest that was going on in the educational edifice. During the entire day visitors thronged the two buildings of the Pasadena High School, grammar and primary departments, and inspected the school work of the various classes on exhibition. The halls and school buildings were beautifully decorated with flowers and shrubbery, and the splendid exposition of work, together with the lovely decorations and large attendance, must have been more than gratifying to Supt. Monroe and his corps of able assistants. Classes were continued as usual, only interrupted by the natural excitement experienced by the school halls having been given over to some six hundred visitors who registered during the day as the guests of the Wilson school.

The schooling extends through eleven years, and all of the different branches of study were exposed. The people of Pasadena are accomplishing a great work for their children, as a visit to one of these school expositions will show. It is absolutely wonderful what a grade of perfection has been attained by the large majority of the city's youth.

The entire city school roll-call numbered 1200.

The grammar and High Schools are under the tuition of Principal Tebbets, Mrs. Coleman, Miss Voro and Miss Thompson.

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Today the Garfield school will give its exposition of school work for the past year. Thursday forenoon the exposition of school work will be seen at the Jackson school, and during the afternoon of the same day at the Grant school.

All of the teachers from Rosedale are in the city visiting the public school expositions, and also many prominent school people from Los Angeles.

CAPERS IN THE CANYADA.

A Ruction Between Hijos del Pals and the Outcome.

Yesterday morning Francisco Ruiz of La Cañada swore out a complaint against Polonio Tirado and José Mondosa upon the charge of misdemeanor. He claimed that he had a man named Frank who was living on his (Ruiz's) place, which he rented, and that Tirado and Mondosa came to the ranch on May 3d, assaulted the hired man, Frank, and took away to their own camp property amounting to about twenty-two dollars. When Frank went to their camp to get back the stolen property the two Mexicans assaulted him a second time and furiously beat him.

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AMSLER AMBLED OFF.

He Left His Cigar Stand and Creditors.

In THE TIMES of May 1st an account was given of the somewhat mysterious disappearance of Jacob Amsler of this city, who left his cigar stand on Raymond avenue in charge of one Eissler during what was supposed to be a temporary absence. But Amsler's absence has proven to be permanent. The little cigar stand and its contents have been attacked. Amsler, it seems, took most of his newly-received and most valuable goods with him, all of which were unpaid for, and each of the following Los Angeles firms has been scooped in sums varying from twenty to fifty dollars: R. Lowenberg & Co., B. Sanders, Kingsbaker Bros., Hellman, Haas & Co. and Edelman & Co.

TO THE PEAK.

Adventures of a Party of Mountain Climbers.

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NATIONALISM.

Rev. Mr. Webster's Lecture on the New Nation.

A select audience greeted the Rev. R. M. Webster last Monday evening at the Universalist Church, when Nationalism was discussed from its several standpoints by its earnest and eloquent advocate. The lecture might justly be termed a grand résumé of Mr. Webster's previous lectures on Nationalism or State Socialism.

Introducing the body of his discourse with the proposition maintained as his basic argument, that men should

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On the Up Grade.

Miss Rogers, who was so unfortunately thrown from her horse last Saturday afternoon, is doing as nicely as can be expected. There are no serious injuries, and the lady will probably be out of bed within a week's time. The shock was the worst of the evils encountered.

PALL-BEARERS.

At the funeral of the late Dr. Charles P. Murray of Lamanda Park on Monday afternoon the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Hon. Mr. Lee, Messrs. Blumer, Kinney, Craig, N. Trew and T. G. Blumer.

BREVITIES.

The carpenters were at work on the interior of the Pasadena library building yesterday.

A social will be given at the parlor of the Congregational Church Thursday evening next.

The Jackson residence on Peoria street has been sold to Mrs. Mary A. Kinsley of Alhambra for \$700.

C. W. Buchanan has been appointed to the vacancy in the Board of School Trustees, caused by the resignation of W. S. Wright.

A party of the Pythian Sisters of

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On Memorial day Company A of Los Angeles will participate in the memorial exercises in the city and be the guests of Company B.

The Masonic basket picnic will be very largely attended on Saturday next. The different lodges are sending in reports to that effect.

In addition to the regular evening's meeting at the rooms of the Pickwick Club Monday evening, the Pickwickians were sumptuously treated to an exquisite luncheon by President Masters.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies' league of the Universalist Church held a meeting for the purpose of forming a literary society. There was a good-sized attendance. Rev. Dr. Hanson addressed the society.

The Painter line of street cars will leave the corner of Raymond avenue and Colorado street every hour from 9 o'clock until evening Saturday, May 10th, for the accommodation of the Masonic picnic. The car will leave the picnic grounds 15 minutes before each hour. The round trip will be 10 cents.

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The Baptist excursion for Chicago leaves Los Angeles May 12th. See excursion column.

Fellowship Lodge A.O.U.W. received a visit last night from Grand Master Workman Frederick K. Adam.

Windsor D. Bigelow, son of Mrs. L. M. Bigelow of this city, died at San Francisco a few days ago in his twenty-third year.

The third annual basket picnic of the Pennsylvania Society of Southern California will be held at Lincoln Park Saturday, May 17th.

Secretary Ward of the Board of Trade had a project on hand last evening for the presentation of a fine case to N. N. Bush of the board.

A neighborhood row near the San Fernando street depot resulted in the arrest yesterday of Annie Adams, charged with disturbing the peace of Mrs. Chisholm.

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E. B. Sharp came in from San Jacinto yesterday.

Capt. Judson is registered at the Hoffman House.

F. B. Wightman and wife of Arizona are in the city.

J. Walters and family from Chicago are at the Hoffman House.

R. M. McKie of the Colton Chronicle called on THE TIMES yesterday.

Judge F. Adams, a leading lawyer of San Luis Obispo, is in the city.

Dr. T. C. Stockton and wife of San Diego are sojourning in the city.

Lient. J. A. Dapray of the United States Army is visiting Los Angeles.

Frank Watson, general agent of the New York Central Railroad, is at the Hoffman House.

San Diego people visiting Los Angeles are John C. Byrnes, F. N. Lacey and Walter A. Dodd.

Miss Anna Chalmers of Stockton is visiting friends in this city. She is a guest at the Hollenbeck.

Pomona people in town yesterday were Mrs. F. E. Hendricks, Mrs. H. J. Hodge and A. H. Smith, registered at the Hollenbeck.

Mrs. D. M. Harwood, who has been visiting friends in Orange, and Riverside, returned to her home on San Juan street Friday.

San Francisco people at the North by the Southern Pacific line yesterday: G. Smith, J. H. Outhwaite, H. E. Green, W. H. Snedaker, Mrs. E. G. Shippman, L. Shoppke, E. V. Clapp, Miss Siedler, Mr. Thresher.

The following New York tourists are registered at the Westminster, while making a tour through Southern California: J. H. McCown, Misses C. A. McCook and G. P. Slade, Ricard J. Anthony, Miss Montgomery. Mr. McCook and mother will sail on the City of China May 21st on a three-months' trip to Yokohama, Japan.

San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO. May 6.—[Correspondence of THE TIMES.] Frank Kasson, editor of the San Pedro Advocate, and his wife are off for a vacation of a few days on the yacht Rambler. A letter.

MILLINERY, HATS AND TOQUES.

Mozart's Special Sale of Hats, Flowers and Trimmed Caps.

Beautiful hats of various bals: cheap at 25c. Ladies' dress Hats, \$2.00; cheap at 50c. Children's trimmed sailor Hats, all colors, 25c.

BEN O. RHOADES, Auctioneer.

received here from them, dated at Avalon Sunday, May 4th, consists of Messrs. J. S. Keefer and Charles Shaffner of Los Angeles, and Frank and wife, were having a fine trip. They had just arrived at Avalon after a cruise around the island; would start for San Diego Monday morning, and would arrive home some time this week.

The yacht Aggie had been at Avalon the day before with the following party of passengers on board, under the charge of Dr. Hamilton: Dr. Hamilton, Mrs. Howell, Miss Hamilton, Miss Guntur, Miss E. Kirkpatrick, Miss G. Ferrise, Miss B. Clark, Miss M. Briswell, Mrs. Briswell, Charles Wedgewood, C. W. Murphy, H. F. Edwards, Mrs. Barnes, Miss S. Innes, Miss Brinton, Miss Epler, Miss Carver, Miss Ives and Miss D. Clark.

NEWS AND BUSINESS.

The Weather.

SIGNAL OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, May 6.—At 5:07 a.m., the barometer registered 30.01; at 5:07 p.m., 30.03. Thermometer for corresponding periods, 57°, 62°. Maximum temperature, 69°; minimum temperature, 58°. Weather, partly cloudy.

WEATHER REPORTERS.

CHICAGO, May 6.—By telegraph to THE TIMES. Temperatures at 5 a.m.:

New York..... 62°

New Orleans..... 63°

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Cincinnati..... 45°

Chicago..... 36°

Whipple..... 32°

INFORMATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—Forecast till 8 p.m. Wednesday, for California: Light rains in north; fair weather in Southern California.

The Riverside Press says a 10-year-old navel orange grove in R. V. Riddle was sold last week to George M. Morse for \$10,000.

Mandarin Jaws and Arabian Moths always freshly roasted, at H. Jeynes'.

Monk's Tonics cure constipation.

Gen. Alice and party are at Spokane Falls. His daughter is ill with the quinsy, and he is waiting her recovery.

Diabetic Flour for sale at H. Jeynes' Wholesale and retail.

Mexican Tonic cures dyspepsia.

Skeleton bones were found in Sacramento yesterday where Arthur O'Neill, a wealthy bricklayer, was seen soon, 15 years ago and it is believed Arthur was murdered and buried there.

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The Fan Club of the Board of Trade has decided to purchase a house in the corner of Santa Clara and Third streets, \$2,150, and will erect there a Board of Trade building with a theater on the Third-street side.

Mr. Butler in the State, at H. Jeynes'.

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Medical Director Stone of San Francisco is opposed to raising the flag over the public school, and gives as a reason that it affords politicians an opportunity to make speeches that are intended to boost them into office.

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